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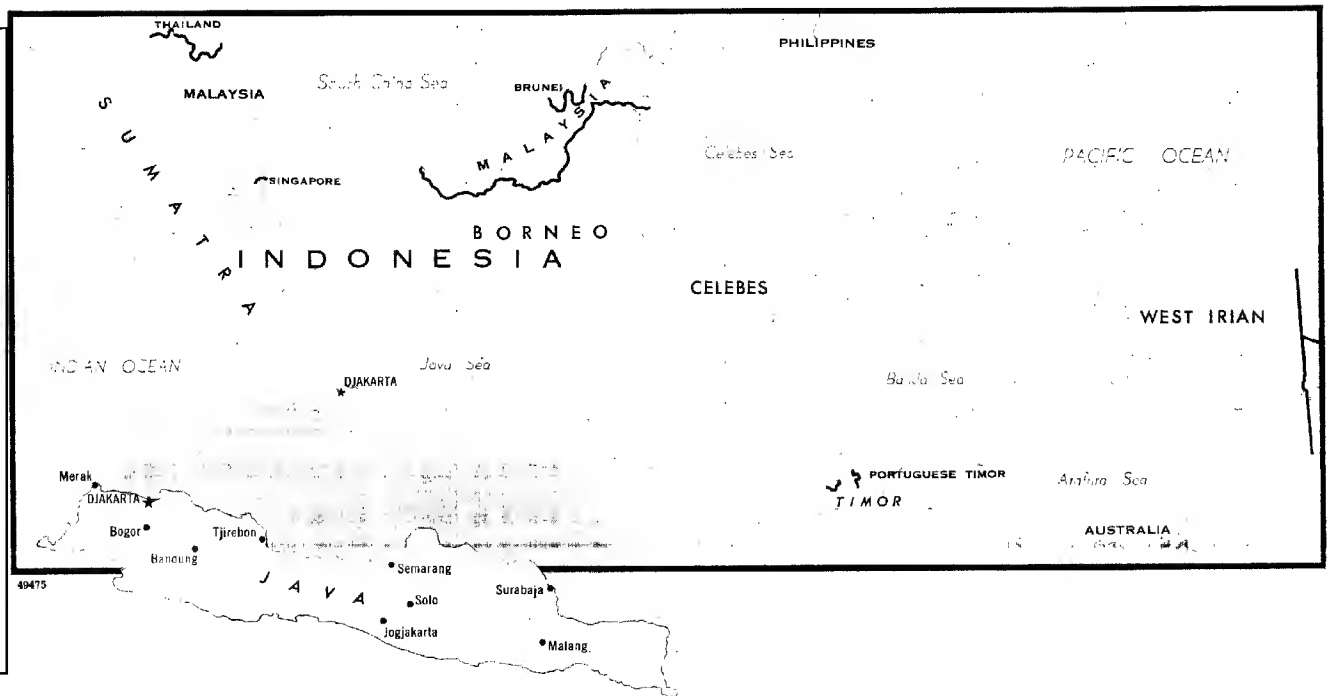
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Indonesia: The army's drive against the PKI continues unabated.

In Djakarta yesterday a rally--the largest in the memory of the US Embassy staff--called for the proscription of the Communists. A spokesman for Sukarno who called for calm and temperance was heckled with cries of "crush the PKI." Also yesterday, Defense Minister Nasution issued a statement strongly critical of the PKI and revealed that the army has asked Sukarno that all those who "slandered" the army and its officers be "tried as traitors."

[An authoritative army source has told the US Embassy that despite the ostensible support offered by Sukarno to Foreign Minister Subandrio and several pro-Communist ministers at last Saturday's cabinet meeting, the army is interpreting the President's remarks to mean that these men are "dispensable" and will act accordingly.]

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[The army is also pushing the anti-PKI drive in North Sumatra. Removal of PKI members or sympathizers from responsible or influential positions continues at all levels. The possibility is growing that the dismissal of so many low-level PKI adherents will create a pool of desperate men which the PKI can use for terrorist activities.]

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[There are rumors that Sukarno plans to leave the country soon--possibly as early as Friday. If true, Sukarno is probably leaving for medical reasons, but it is possible he may wish to remain abroad while the dust settles in Indonesia--a tactic he has used before.]

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*Laos: [Rumors of an impending military shakeup within the rightist military leadership are again circulating. Key generals located outside of Vientiane are concerned that Vientiane commander General Kouprasith might attempt to take control of the military establishment with the backing of the ambitious Sananikone clan. Although there are no firm indications of such a move, the recurrence of these rumors points up the long-standing rivalries which continue to impede effective unity among the non-Communist elements in Laos.]

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